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ROAD MAP TO SET UP EEZ
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised road map to set up Exclusive Economic Zones along the Western coasts with active participation from the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereunder so far ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) : Geological Survey of India (GSI), a subordinate Department under this Ministry, carries out sea-bed surveys and related studies for locating mineral resources within the territorial waters, continental shelf and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) along the Eastern and Western coasts of the country.

For attracting private investments and to ensure systematic and scientific exploitation of mineral resources (except petroleum, natural gas and hydrocarbon resources) in the EEZ, the Ministry of Mines has notified on 31.1.03 the Off-shore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 providing for its development and regulation.